



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITIZENS' COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
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Monday, May 14, 2012

9:00 AM

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Present: Chair Baird, Vice Chair Murray, Commissioner Moreno,
 Commissioner Tevrizian, Commissioner Busansky and
 Commissioner Bonner

Absent: Commissioner McDonnell

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order. (12-1945)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Baird at 9:06 a.m.

2. Approval of the April 16, 2012 meeting minutes. (12-1946)

On motion of Commissioner Bonner, seconded by Commissioner Tevrizian, and unanimously carried (Commissioner McDonnell being absent), this item was approved.

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II. REPORTS

3. Reports and updates by Miriam A. Krinsky, Executive Director and Richard E. Drooyan, General Counsel. (12-1947)

Miriam Krinsky, Executive Director, reported on the investigatory work that is continuing with the General Counsel and investigatory teams. Many witnesses and expert witnesses have been or are scheduled to be interviewed in person and by telephone.

Ms. Krinsky visited Cook County Jail on May 8, 2012 and provided the Commission with her preliminary conclusions and findings. She indicated that any effort to compare and contrast facilities solely using reported numbers is imperfect due to two elements; differences in category definitions of use of force and different uses of personnel that render ratios alone less useful. Ms. Krinsky is looking for better measures and figures to compare.

The website had over 9,000 hits with an average of 500 to 600 visits per week. The CCJV community outreach event will take place the evening of Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at the EXPO Center.

Ms. Krinsky responded to questions posed by the Commissioners. At the request of Commissioner Bonner, Ms. Krinsky will provide a breakdown at the next meeting of the total number of sworn deputies in custody, patrol, and court supervision for both Cook County and Riker's Island.

Richard Drooyan, General Counsel, reported they have either completed or scheduled 60 interviews. They have received a fair number of documents, however the two problems they currently face are the lack of documents relating to use of force and depositions. The statistical data is needed to analyze the use of force and the effectiveness of the disciplinary system.

Mr. Drooyan indicated that interviews are projected to be completed by July 1, 2012. Draft reports will be submitted to individual Commissioners for review by late August 2012, and presentations by the teams will take place in early September 2012. Mr. Drooyan has invited the Sheriff and the Undersheriff to testify in July 2012.

Mr. Drooyan responded to questions posed by the Commissioners relating to statistical data and depositions.

Member of the public Eric Preven addressed the Commission.

III. RECOMMENDATION AND DISCUSSION

4. Consideration and approval of the Commission Status Report for submittal to the Board of Supervisors. (12-1950)

Miriam Krinsky, Executive Director, advised that minor modifications will be made to the draft Status Report to include the number of witnesses who have been interviewed and have testified prior to submitting it to the Board of Supervisors.

Commissioner Bonner suggested the following minor revisions:

Page 1, first paragraph, 4th line – reword from “allegations of excessive use of force” to “allegations of use of excessive force”

Page 2, - mention that the Commission was not in place until all Commissioners were appointed.

Member of the public Eric Preven addressed the Commission.

On a motion of Commissioner Tevrizian, and by common consent, there being no objection (Commissioner McDonnell being absent), this item was approved as amended by Commissioner Bonner; and Ms. Krinsky was instructed to update numerical references before submitting the report to the Board of Supervisors.

Ayes: 6 - Chair Baird, Vice Chair Murray, Commissioner Moreno, Commissioner Tevrizian, Commissioner Busansky and Commissioner Bonner

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5. Discussion of future Commission meetings. (12-1951)

This item was tabled for discussion after witness testimony.

Later in the meeting, after witness testimony, Richard Drooyan, General Counsel, addressed the Commission and recommended cancelling the June 1, 2012 meeting.

By common consent, there being no objection (Commissioner McDonnell being absent), the Commission cancelled its June 1, 2012 meeting.

Ayes: 6 - Chair Baird, Vice Chair Murray, Commissioner Moreno, Commissioner Tevrizian, Commissioner Busansky and Commissioner Bonner

IV. PRESENTATION

6. Testimony from former and/or current Los Angeles Sheriff's Department personnel and/or one or more former inmates. (12-1952)

Daniel Pollaro, former Sergeant for the Sheriff's Department, responded to questions posed by General Counsel Richard Drooyan and the Commissioners regarding his duties and experience at Men's Central Jail (MCJ) between 2000 and 2007.

Alfred Gonzales, former Lieutenant for the Sheriff's Department, responded to questions posed by Mr. Drooyan, the Commissioners and Ms. Krinsky in regard to his background and experience at Men's Central Jail (MCJ) between 2003 and 2007.

Open session recessed at 12:35 p.m. Present were Commissioners Moreno, Tevrizian, Busansky, Bonner, Vice Chair Murray and Chair Baird presiding.

Open session reconvened at 1:25 p.m. Present were Commissioners Moreno, Tevrizian, Busansky, Bonner, Vice Chair Murray and Chair Baird presiding.

David Eiler, former MCJ inmate, addressed the Commission and responded to questions posed by Deputy General Counsel Marcellus McRae and the Commissioners regarding his time of incarceration in 2010 and 2011.

Jonny Johnson, former MCJ inmate, responded to questions posed by Deputy General Counsel Marcellus McRae and the Commissioners regarding his time of incarceration in 2009.

Robert Olmstead, former Commander for the Sheriff's Department, responded to questions posed by Mr. Drooyan and the Commissioners regarding his assignments and experiences at MCJ from 2006 to 2010.

Open session recessed at 3:15 p.m. Present were Commissioners Moreno, Tevrizian, Busansky, Bonner, Vice Chair Murray and Chair Baird presiding.

Open session reconvened at 3:35 p.m. Present were Commissioners Moreno, Tevrizian, Busansky, Bonner, Vice Chair Murray and Chair Baird presiding.

Discussion between Mr. Olmstead, Ms. Krinsky, Mr. Drooyan, and the Commissioners ensued regarding Mr. Olmstead's experience at MCJ.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

7. Items not on the agenda, to be presented and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Commission subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (12-1508)

There were no items addressed.

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. (12-1510)

Member of the public Eric Preven addressed the Commission.

Peter Eliasberg, American Civil Liberties Union, addressed the Commission.

9. Adjournment. (12-1511)

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.